

SENATE BILL 199
By Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to drop-in child care
facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-501(8), is amended by
deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(8) "Drop-in center" means a place or facility operated by any person or entity providing child care, at the same time, for fifteen (15) or more children, who are not related to the primary caregiver, for short periods of time, not to exceed fourteen (14) hours per week and for not more than seven (7) hours per day for any individual child during regular working hours (Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.); provided, however, a drop-in center may provide such child care during evenings (after 6:00 p.m.) and weekends (Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, 10:00 p.m.) so long as the drop-in center provides no more than a total of twenty (20) hours per week, exclusive of snow days (defined as days when the school of the affected child is closed); provided, in addition, that drop-in centers may provide such care during snow days; provided, however, that, notwithstanding any other requirements of this part, training requirements for the staff of this class of child care agency shall be limited to basic health and safety precautions and the detection and reporting of child abuse and neglect for children in care; provided, further, that, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, drop-in centers operated by not-for-profit organizations that provide child care for no more than two (2) hours per day with a maximum of ten (10) hours per week without compensation, while the parent or other custodian is engaged in short-term activities on the premises of the organization, shall register as providing casual care and shall not be deemed to be a drop-in center or regulated as a drop-in center;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.